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A rubber band or piece of string tied around a cassette mailing box alerts us to the fact that there is a problem with the recording. This is our signal to check the condition of the tape further. When returning, please do not use rubber bands to connect several books together as one. This slows down our ability to check the books back in. It also sends us the signal that all of the banded books have a problem.

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Does your cassette player seem to have a mind of its own? If your machine speeds up to chatter while playing, it may not be the machine that is causing the problem. Often, the tension of the tape around the spindle is not even. Intermittent rewinding can cause uneven tension. Here are some ways to troubleshoot the problem before you call for a new machine. First, try another tape. If it plays correctly, the problem is with the cassette. Next, tap the tape on a flat, hard surface. This will help even out the tension. A tape that continues to be a problem may respond to being rewound entirely from beginning to end. Still not corrected? Place a rubber band on the tape and return it to us. Of course, if every tape you play has this tendency, you probably need a new machine! Call 1-800-992-9012 if you have questions.

Focus on Rewinding

Help us to help you! Paid staff spend precious time each day rewinding cassette tapes so they are ready to play for the next reader. With 1,500 to 2,000 books returned each day, we spend a lot of time rewinding! Please help by rewinding each tape before you move on to the next.



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2004 Scourby Narrator of the Year Award for

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Martha Harmon Pardee for her narration of RC 54941 "The Crimson Petal and the White," by Michel Faber.

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